**Special Central assistance to Meghalaya for tribal development**

1645. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided any amount from Special Central Assistance to Meghalaya for tribal development during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of amount spent, so far, for the tribal development in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Special Central Assistance is given by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the State/UTs having Tribal Sub-Plan to fill in the gaps, which are not otherwise taken care of by the States / UTs out of State Plan. Meghalaya being a Tribal majority State does not have Tribal Sub-Plan.

(c) Meghalaya being a tribal majority State, expenditure through State Plans, and Central Plans primarily benefit the tribals in the State.

**Non-availability of basic amenities in tribal dominated areas**

† 1646. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that basic amenities of life are not available in tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, the number of doctors, nurses and tubewells against per thousand of population in tribal dominated areas; and

(c) the action Government are taking for providing basic amenities in abundance in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

**Allocations under tribal sub-plan to various States**

1647. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.